

City of Fairfax
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)
June 11, 2015
Van Dyck Park – Upper Pavilion

PRAB Members Present

Jon Stehle
Jane Albro
Michael Anderson
Michael Breslin
Kirk Holley
Evie Ifantides

Janet Jaworski
Eric Mittnight
Zinta Rodgers-Rickert
Michael Slawski
Leslie Herman

Members Absent

Jeff Ferrell
Brian Knapp
Robert Reinsel
Harry Wilbur

Guests

Toby Sorensen, School Board Representative
Jennie Tripoli, Assistant Director of Finance
Joanna Ormesher, Parks & Recreation Department
Michelle Veresink Richmond, Parks & Recreation Department

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm by Chairman Jon Stehle.

2. Adoption of Agenda & Minutes

Michael Anderson moved to accept the agenda and the May 18, 2015 minutes. Kirk Holley seconded.

The agenda and minutes were approved.

3. Guest Speaker – Jennie Tripoli (Assistant Director of Finance)

Jennie Tripoli explained the Parks and Recreation Department's four segments of the general budget: Administration, Special Events, Parks, and Facilities. She also explained CIPs. She discussed the ways that finances are processed through ActiveNet and through the City in general. Tripoli answered questions regarding RFPs, proffers, Legacy for Fairfax, and grant monies. She noted that final budget would be posted by June 28.

4. Old Business

a) Old Town Square

Leslie Herman reported that WiFi will be installed for August. Contractor is still finishing punch list items. Kitty Pozer Garden plantings will be going in before the end

of June. Fire Marshal Andrew Wilson will be adding plugs into the electrical panel so that generators do not need to be rented for special events.

Signage has been added at the lower fountain asking children to stay out of it and off the walls.

The Downtown Business Alliance is trying to judge what success restaurants and businesses have had because of the new park.

At the upcoming Council retreat, Council will discuss Old Town Square and how we should manage classes there and food vendors in the park.

b) Park Rules & Bylaws

City Attorney Brian Lubkeman reviewed the bylaws. He noted that according to the City Code PRAB needs to meet 11 months of the year. If PRAB wants to change it to 10 months, it would need to go in front of Council for approval.

Zinta Rodgers-Rickert moved for discussion; Kirk Holley seconded.

Zinta Rodgers-Rickert moved to accept Bylaws; Kirk Holley seconded.

The Bylaws were approved by unanimous vote.

c) OurParksOurFuture.com

Jon Stehle explained that it could be a useful tool and we should continue to rethink our strategy in using it.

5. New Business

a) New Parks Director

Jon Stehle explained that the new Director of Parks and Recreation Cathy Salgado will begin on July 6. Salgado has 13 years of experience in Vienna, VA.

b) Beer Policy

Leslie Herman explained the beer policy that has been laid out as a result of Budget Memo #33 regarding Beer Sales Analysis. Herman explained the beer policy for each City event and the relationship with charitable organizations for each event, including the 80% to 20% split between the City and the charitable organizations.

6. Parks & Recreation Department Report

a) Green Acres Feasibility Study

It was reported that the committee toured several facilities including the New Providence Center and facilities in Vienna and Falls Church. The committee is at the information-gathering stage.

b) George Snyder Trail

Leslie Herman reported that work has begun. An additional \$9,000 needed to be spent to remove stone that had been left by a pool company on the property. The trail should be completed by the end of June.

c) Draper Drive Playground

The playground is set to be installed next week.

d) Eagle Scout Projects

The concrete pad has been poured at Van Dyck for the restroom barrier and that project is under way. The Ashby Pond trail has been widened.

e) Special Events

The Father-Daughter Dance will be held on Saturday. The next Rock the Block is on June 26. World Police and Fire Games events in the City will be held on June 28 and

July 4. The Fourth of July will include overflow seating and a television screen in the parking lot of Fairfax High School.

f) ADA Study

Jon Stehle reported that Louise Armitage will serve as head for the study. Each chair must implement the study within their own department.

g) Update from Joanna Ormesher

Joanna Ormesher showed PRAB the model of the new public art piece that has been chosen for outside of Sherwood. It is 7 feet tall and is stainless steel set in concrete. It was created by artist Chris Ernie. It should be installed by the fall.

World Police and Fire Games opening ceremony will be held on June 26 at RFK Stadium. The Cycling Criterium will be held on June 28. The concert series at Veterans Amphitheater kicks off on July 9 and runs every Thursday through the end of July. The concert series at Old Town Plaza is every Friday night through September.

7. Stakeholder Updates

a) School Board – Toby Sorensen

Fairfax High School won two Cappie awards. One of our foreign exchange students is in chorus and has now performed at the White House and the Kennedy Center. One student won at states for track and field. Three students shall be going to military academies. Janice Miller Scholarship of \$2,000 is being given out for the first time. Pitches Scholarship was also awarded. Fairfax High School and Lanier Middle School were re-accredited for their counseling programs. Lanier is a VA Naturalist School for three years, Daniels Run has been for 8 years, and Providence won the best of the web for Fairfax County Public Schools. The DECA award ceremony was recently held.

Joanna Ormesher shared that the Joan Cross Scholarship was awarded. Providence Elementary was also chosen by Virginia Opera to have performances held there this season.

b) Planning Commission – Janet Jaworski

Mantua Professional Center Project was heard this past Monday at first public hearing. Four of seven commissioners were present. Parks and Recreation proffer was broad listing “any park in the vicinity.” It ends up being around \$30,000 proffer. It will go before City Council in June or July.

c) Senior Center – Jane Albro

The rest of the furniture for the Senior Center is being delivered this week. Memorial Day BBQ was a success and Father’s Day and Fourth of July events are approaching.

d) Community Appearance Committee – Kirk Holley

No report.

e) Commission on the Arts – Harry Wilbur

Not present.

f) NOVA Parks – Brian Knapp

Not present.

10. Matters of the Members

Michael Breslin shared copies of the Old Town Square article that was printed in the Fairfax High School student newspaper, *Rebel Roar*.

Zinta Rodgers-Rickert noted that in the next 60 days they will be ramping up the campaign for a City dog park.

11. Adjournment

Zinta Rodgers-Rickert moved to end the meeting. Kirk Holley seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.